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Hardy Dillard Speaks at Formal Opening

The formal opening of the ninety-ninth session of Hollins College will take place Friday, September 20, at 8:30 P. M., in the Little Theater. As principal speaker for the occasion, Dr. Hardy Cross Dillard, Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, will give an address on "Some New Imperatives."

The Processional, to the *Festival March in D*, by W. T. Best, consists of the faculty of the college in full academic robes and the seniors in caps and gowns. After this will come the hymn, *Hear Firm a Foundation*, sung by the entire assembly. The invocation, which will be delivered by Rev. George Braxton Taylor, follows this. Then President Randolph will make the announcements, after which Mr. Cocke, vice president of Hollins, will introduce the speaker.

Dr. Dillard, who serves as Director of the Institute of Public Affairs as well as Professor of Law at the University of Virginia, has a first-hand understanding of our modern life and a background of experience for pointing out "Some New Imperatives." It is particularly appropriate that Hollins should have as its first speaker a faculty member from a nearby college which holds similar ideals in the education of young people in this country.

Following the address, Dr. Taylor will deliver the benediction. The recessional is to be *Marche Heroique*, by Candlyn.

Don't's and Do's To End All Boos

We know you are pretty saturated with "do's" and "don't's," what with *Inside Hollins* and the *Handbook*, to say nothing of the excellent advice handed out by the struggling Group Leaders, *but* we just think we'll add these following to those things which we trust you've marked "caution":

First, we suggest that you do not make bumming cigarettes a habit. It is hard on the other gal and hard on the opinions formed of you.

Then, too, there's that little matter of pulling down blinds if you live on front campus. After all, what are blinds for? Very important.

Politeness has always been a virtue and it isn't being progressive to omit it at any time. Take, for example, that other little matter of letting the "lady professors" walk unharassed into the dining room while you calmly wait till they pass by.

And don't you date step on a cigarette on the dining room floor in Keller. We are quite proud of Keller, we want you to know, and want you to be sure to keep it looking new.

Speaking of Keller also reminds us to remind you to guide your partner in such a way that you avoid running into people. And when you do bump, it helps to say, "Excuse me." Get the idea?

When seated at your faculty tables, may we also remind you to start sitting from the head down. The faculty are interesting to talk to, too.

Introducing the B. G. O. C.'s

FREDDY MERCALFE: Conferences with the Dean, student government meetings, Seminars, Freddy sails through them all with equal ease. As president of the Student Body, she manages to be at once an efficient executive and a distinctive personality.

MARTHA SUSAN CAMPBELL: You'll look up to this gal, both literally and figuratively. She has the particular talent for being vice president of the Student Body. Is devoted to magazine reading but may also be found buried in a history book.

POLLY STORY: As chairman of the Judicial Board she's one to make cool-headed decisions. She's also one to always appear cool, calm and collected...even when studying her art prints.

RUTH DENNETT: Chief holder-downer of West Building is she. A Texas blonde shell, she keeps quiet hour quieter as easily as she makes friends.

CAROLYN PETERS: For the "jolly juniors" a jolly president. You'll find her an easy pal with either her freckles, her dancing, or two roommates for conversation.

ANN TRIMBLE: Funny freckles on her nose and an infectious laugh are only two of the reasons why Trimble is the beloved senior president. Friday night she will have them all dressed up in their caps and gowns.

JANE CAUBLE: Jane heads the honorary organization, Freya. A calm and thoughtful person, she stands as a guide to the student leaders of this season.

BETSY BUCKNER: At Hollins the Chief Marshal has to be a combination traffic policeman and foreign diplomat. Betsy manages to do both of these and still look level-headed and unconcerned at all college functions.

LISA LINDSEY: For your inspirations and aspirations along the dramatic way, try Lisa Bernhardt. Spends her time cutting up snakes, or punning.

ALICE CLAGETT: As head of the Y. W. C. A. on campus, Alice has the dignity and poise to make her perfect. She's giving a party Saturday night.

EMILY CAMPBELL: Getting the *Spinster* out is no easy job, but Emily is one gal who works to get her ideas materialized. The material will show forth on May Day.

CAROLINE MCCLESKEY: If you see a pair of eyebrows waving frantically, you can be sure that McCleskey is under them. As editor of HOLLINS COLUMNS, she both has a nose for news and knows the news.

Group Leaders Stress Quiet Hour

The following girls have been on campus since Thursday, September 12, serving as Group Leaders to help the new students: Tonie Bisese, Jane Cauble, Mary Virginia Butler, Martha Susan Campbell, Fritza von Lengerke, Lisa Lindsey, Caroline McCleskey, Maxine MacDougall, Helen Montgomery, Ruth Pope, Anita Rihani, Barbara Rudd, Polly Story, Margaret Anne Zimmerman and Ann Trimble, from the Class of '41. Serving also as Group Leaders from the Class of '42 were Mary Austin Campbell, Ruth Dennett, Caroline Gale, Sarah Graydon, Anne Hall, Kathryn Sanford and E. Mac Woolf.

These group leaders, after carefully studying the *Handbook* and *Inside Hollins* have been teaching the new students rules and regulations and discussing the Honor System. Especially emphasized are the idea of the school community, public opinion and quiet hour.

Group meetings will continue from time to time throughout the year to enable the freshmen to discuss any problem that may arise.

Y. W. C. A. Welcomes '44 at Novel Gym Party

Question mark? "To be," that is the question. When you were in the neighborhood gang long years ago did you not at some time boast of what you were going "to be" when you grew up and became a big girl? Today, as college women, we have strange, secret ideas about what kind of a person we would like "to be."

Come Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock, September 21, and you will have your chance to go to a party as the person whom you would like "to be." The Y. W. C. A. of Hollins is honoring the Class of '44 at this big party in the gym. Every freshman will have a "date" for the party with an old student. Under the direction of Alice Clagett, president of the Y. W. C. A., this party is being planned by the Y. W. Cabinet. Refreshments and all kinds of entertainment will be on the program.

So-o-o-o-o, all you hopeful and would-be glamour girls, acrobats, chimney sweepers, get dressed up on Saturday night. Come and play at the Y. W. party which honors and welcomes the Class of '44-ers to Hollins!

Freshmen Pack Ambition and Ability Along with Tweeds

From Canada to Panama, from Belgium to California, blondes, brunettes and redheads have now unpacked saddle shoes and tweed skirts to become members of the Hollins community and the Class of '44...a class cosmopolitan in birthplace and interests.

The past history and future ambitions of this new group promise that '44 will have no trouble finding a girl for every job around school. Parlez-vous francais? No? Well, some of these girls do! One received the French medal awarded by the French ambassador, while two others won first place in district French tournaments...and one in a district Latin tournament! It's not so amazing when you know that twenty-five of the 100-odd freshmen were members of their high school or prep school honor societies and several graduated with highest honors...five were class valedictorians.

Moreover, Miss Clevraux will not have to worry too much about activity, "the unique feature of physical education." Many of these girls are interested in riding and tennis, having among them a president of a riding club, two Senior Life Savers, a winner of three swimming medals, two tennis champions and six camp counselors.

Besides eight editors of high school papers, four student government presidents, twenty-five other student government officers and eleven class presidents, some of the freshmen are poets, shell collectors and costume designers.

After their four years here at Hollins, the members of the Class of '44 will be scattered widely in the cruel world...if they still have the same ambitions then as now. They may start a hospital with their five doctors, or a school teaching everything from horseback riding and art to English and mathematics. One student may help the world situation as she wants to be a diplomat, and one the home situation, as she wants to be a cartoonist. In fact, one may find anything from researching for the movies and criticizing music to writing for a newspaper and acting in those dreams in the heads of those gals in West.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CLASS OF '44

Well, you're here. You've come along to add whatever you've got to offer to life at Hollins. We're really glad you're here. As a matter of fact we're tickled green and gold. Of course, we expect wonderful things. People always do from others who they forget haven't got their experience behind them. But at the least, we do expect you to take your place in an interesting and intelligent way.

And of course, it will take time but you will eventually understand. You'll learn we aren't just a bunch of "gay, young things" living a life of sweaters, skirts and saddle shoes. You'll discover that beneath a veneer of prom talk, puns and bull sessions we can, and frequently do, discuss national defense, politics, the war. And not only are we naturally interested in such universal and pertinent matters as those, but also in music, philosophy, modern painting, theater technique and such specialized interests. We believe in having fun. We do! But we aren't afraid to think, to be intelligent, sensitive people.

You've just recently been exposed to our life here. Don't be afraid to make it mean more than just being away from home, or spending money, or meeting boys. Don't be afraid, and don't make the mistake of failing to become interested. It doesn't matter whether it is in Shakespeare, or Lil' Abner, or yodling. But be interested, and be happy.

Six New Members Join Faculty

Six new members have been appointed to the faculty and staff of Hollins, following the retirement of three members and the resignation of two others.

Miss Constance Wardle has been appointed as assistant professor of music in charge of voice instruction, after the retirement of Miss Adelaide Campbell, who had been on the Hollins faculty for twenty-seven years. Miss Wardle comes from instructor in voice at Winthrop College. As a professional singer, she toured with a light opera company and was soloist at the Virginia Music Festival in 1934. Miss Wardle first made her operatic debut at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1924.

Following the resignation of Dr. E. Foster Dowell, Dr. Willard Harrison Humbert has been appointed instructor in political science and history. Dr. Humbert has served as principal of Nokesville Junior High School and as assistant principal of Elkton High School, as well as teaching at Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, N. C. He received his A. B. degree from Bridgewater College, his A. M. degree from the University of Virginia, and his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins.

Mrs. Bessie L. Anderson, appointed assistant dietitian, will continue this year as acting dietitian. She will succeed Miss Carrie Boozer, who has retired to her home in Clinton, S. C., after twenty-eight years at Hollins. Miss Thalia Hayward retired from her position as assistant supervisor of buildings after forty-six years of affiliation with the college.

Formerly Kappa Kappa Gamma housemother at William and Mary, Mrs. Gilbert Oakley, of Roanoke, has accepted the position of assistant to the supervisor of buildings and in the social office. She succeeds Mrs. Louise Douthat, who resigned from this position. Mrs. Oakley will assist in chaperoning also.

Two student assistants from last June's graduating class will be Miss Nancy Ring, of Roanoke, in the Music Department, and Miss Ruth Hannah, of Greenbank, W. Va., in the Biology Department.

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Under the Dome

There's no telling what a college education can do for you. We were mildly surprised to hear a group leader ask a freshman how to spell "chocolate."

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Then, of course, the proverbial freshman asked the proverbial question, "Where is the Garden of Eden?" Paging Mr. Robin Hood.

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We take time out to note, as someone else did too, that if history is repeating itself on our account, it may quit any time it feels like it. We heard it the first time.

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Popey got the shock of her young life when one freshman, getting out of the train at 5:30 A. M., asked frantically for "Popeye."

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Pun of the week comes from Miss Chevraux, who told a freshman that if she didn't like swimming she was sunk!

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We pause here to impart some words of wisdom: You don't have to invent a better mouse trap to get the world to beat a path to your door...just try to sleep late Sunday morning.

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We can't seem to let the freshmen alone. Group leaders were tickled when one arrived with about three trunks, four suitcases, etc. Seems she brought everything it said to in *Inside Hollins.*

About the best yet is that Sweetbriar girl who rode into Hollins in order to borrow our copy of the Sweetbriar catalogue to find out when she was due back at school.

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Then there's that Group Leader who, when asked where blanket permissions were obtained, replied, "Why, didn't you get that from Miss Moore?"

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Now that the old students are back the new ones are wondering whether they should go into hibernation for the winter, or just outnumber them.

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Keller is a fascinating place these days. The freshmen seem to monopolize the floor so much that seniors have retired into a corner to read the *New York Times.* Maybe it's "time" for some shuffleboard.

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Did you hear about those two old students who admitted that they had whispered the entire day before they returned to school in order to have their voices in shape for the yelling on Thursday.

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Each year the old students bet on how long it will take the new ones to discover that they don't have to struggle with pocketbooks. Maybe we ought to bet how long it will take not to have anything to put in them.

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And freshmen are still chuckling over their "little white robes" which they wore taking their physical exam. Julius Cæsar at the bath, and all that.

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Hollins has certainly turned into a slap-happy campus. If we have to slap another mosquito there's going to be murder!

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And it was a noble suggestion which recommended that when the W. P. A. was renovating the Statue of Liberty it should have replaced that torch with a sawed-off shotgun.

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The little men of the "we're working our way through a magazine won't you buy a college" dept. were busy this week. We escaped, being more "cosmopolitan" than the freshmen.

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Can't stand it if we don't mention the girl who wondered where Tinker Hill was, or the other who moaned (but not for long) over not bringing her bike with which to ride up. We humbly suggest an escalator.

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The freshmen are working on their rooms, the seniors are working on stunts, the juniors are working on Little Sisters, but the sophomores are just working. Funny.

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Daily Thought for the Week: We know now what Pershing meant when he said, "LaFayette, we are here!"

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